

WEST DES MOINES BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION
Thursday, February 4, 2016

The regular meeting of the West Des Moines Bicycle Advisory Commission was called to order on Thursday, February 4, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. by Steve Gatton.

Commission	Joel Wolcott	Brittany Freund	Kip Albertson	Helen Eddy	Steve Gatton
Present	X	X	X	Left at 6:31pm	X
Commission	Margaret Christiansen	Spencer Cox	AJ Kelley	Greg France	
Present			Left at 6:52pm	X	

Staff	Gary Scott <i>Director of Parks & Recreation</i>	Sally Ortgies <i>Superintendent of Parks</i>	Susan Mathews <i>Parks & Recreation Administrative Secretary</i>	
Present	X	X	X	
Staff	Joe Cory <i>Deputy Director of Public Works</i>	Duane Wittstock <i>City Engineer</i>	Eric Petersen <i>Traffic Engineer</i>	Greg Hansen <i>Superintendent of Recreation</i>
Present			X	X

On Item 1. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Kelley to approve the agenda as presented. Eddy seconded. Motion carried.

On Item 2. Citizen Forum

No items.

On Item 3. Approval of Minutes of December 3, 2015 Meeting

It was moved by France to approve the minutes as presented. Albertson seconded. Motion carried.

On Item 4. Old Business

No items.

New Business:

On Item 5A. Motion – Approval of Modification to On-Street Bicycle Facility Plan for South 91st Street from Mills Civic Parkway to Booneville Road

Petersen stated that due to a recent land-use plan change the forecasted volumes have decreased and it is suggested that the proposed dedicated bike lane be changed to proposed shared lane markings. Scott noted that the modification will go to City Council as a change to the Bicycle Master Plan.

It was moved by Albertson to Approve the Modification to On-Street Bicycle Facility Plan for South 91st Street from Mills Civic Parkway to Booneville Road. Kelley seconded. Motion carried.

On Item 5B. Discussion – Goals for 2016-2017

Scott gave an overview of the process for setting priorities for the recently adopted goals. Commission members conducted a priority selection activity. The top priority goals selected are as follows:

6 votes:

- Education: Educate street users, both cyclists & drivers, to share streets & interact safely

5 votes:

- Engineering: Develop trail connections with other Des Moines metro cities & counties
- Encouragement: Promote recreational/family riding & trail safety

4 votes:

- Engineering: Expand bike network & increase connectivity through use of different types of on-street bicycle facilities
- Encouragement: Enhance the trail & on-street bike facility signage program with wayfinding signs
- Encouragement: Promote bicycling in general & communicate the many benefits of bicycling
- Encouragement: Encourage employers to facilitate bicycle use among employees
- Enforcement: Protect rights of cyclists to operate legally on the roads, protect cyclists against careless, reckless or dangerous driving, & ensure cyclists follow the laws & operate safely

Scott stated that he would contact Cox and Christiansen to get their priorities added to the list and then would schedule sub-committee meetings to create task lists and plans to work toward achievement of the goals.

Staff Reports:

On Item 6A. Engineering

Petersen gave overviews of upcoming projects. He shared that the Maffitt Lake Road project will include an underpass. He shared that the 50th Street widening project from EP True to Mills Civic will result in some road and trail closures in 2016 but that once complete there will be a HAWK signal to connect to the Ashawa Greenway trail. Hansen inquired about the timing of that project due to the fact that is a part of the proposed route for the Mayor's Bike Ride in May. He added that a traffic signal is also being added at 50th Street and Stonebridge Road which will assist motorists and bicycle traffic crossing 50th Street. Another project for 2016 is widening of Ashworth Road from west of Jordan Creek Parkway to about 88th Street which will include a trail on the north side of Ashworth Road. Petersen also shared that a temporary traffic signal has been installed at 88th Street and Ashworth Road to help with traffic backup in that area.

On Item 6B. Public Works

No representative present.

On Item 6C. Police

No representative present.

On Item 6D. Parks and Recreation

Superintendent of Recreation

Hansen handed out a drawing of the Mayor's Bike Ride jersey design. He shared that staff are applying for a WDM Community Enrichment Foundation grant to fund a school participation challenge. He added that there will also be a Corporate Cup Challenge partnering with the WDM Chamber of Commerce. Hansen read a request from the Historic Valley Junction Foundation looking for the Commission to coordinate and provide bicycle parking in Valley Junction for the 2016 Farmers Markets. The Commission expressed interest in investigating the opportunity further. Hansen responded that he will work out details and come back with more information. Hansen also shared an email from the Iowa Bicycle Coalition about pending bicycle legislation.

Director of Parks & Recreation

Scott reminded the Commission that Albertson, Christiansen, and Cox will be considered by the Mayor for reappointment in 2016.

Superintendent of Parks

Ortgies shared that the Ashworth Road trail project between Prairie View Drive and 60th Street is complete. She also stated that work will begin on a trail connection on 88th Street on the west side of Valley View Park.

Other Matters:

On Item 7A. Action Items

Receive, File and/or Refer:

8A. Des Moines Area MPO, Central Iowa Bicycle-Pedestrian Roundtable Packets – December, January

It was moved by Wolcott to adjourn at 6:53p.m. Freund seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Mathews
Administrative Secretary

ATTEST:

Joel Wolcott
Commission Secretary